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FROM USDEL CSCE

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SUBJ: BELGRADE CSCE MEETING: JULY 7

1. MORNING PLENARY SESSION OPENED WITH STATEMENT BY U.S. REP (SHERER)(TEXT BY SEPTEL) IN WHICH HE IN FIRM, YET LOW-KEY, TONE RESPONDED TO PREVIOUS DAY'S INTERVENTION OF SOVIET REP (REFTEL). SHERER NOTED THAT ALL DELEGATIONS WERE MAKING "HONEST EFFORTS" TO FIND COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS AND THAT ALL THE PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD THUS FAR HAVE BEEN "LEGITIMATE, HONEST EFFORTS." EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR COMPROMISE. SHERER STRESSED THAT "THOSE WHO HOLD HARD TO POSITIONS CANNOT BE SURPRISED OR OFFENDED" AT OTHER DELEGATIONS ATTEMPTS TO SEEK COMPROMISE.

2. SPEAKING FROM A TEXT OBVIOUSLY PREPARED BEFORE INTERVENTION OF SHERER, HUNGARIAN REP SUPPORTED SOVIET LINE OF PREVIOUS DAY THAT, IN ORDER FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING
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TO MAKE PROGRESS, ALL DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE TEXT OF THE FINAL ACT. HE ASKED U.S. REP ON WHAT BASIS HE BELIEVED IT WAS POSSIBLE TO FIND A COMMON, COMPROMISE SOLUTION IF NOT IN THE FINAL ACT.

3. UK REP SUPPORTED SHERER AND IN TECHNICAL POINT, MADE IN JOCLAR TONE, CALLED ATTENTION OF DELEGATES

TO FACT THAT SECRETARIAT HAD CIRCULATED ANOTHER RUSSIAN TRANSLATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL WITHOUT INFORMING ANY OF THE ORIGINAL SPONSORS OF THAT PROPOSAL. UK REP THANKED SECRETARIAT FOR THE "FIRST CLASS JOB" WHICH IT CHARACTERIZED AS "INCOMPARABLY" BETTER THAN THE FIRST. (NEW TRANSLATION WAS GIVEN TO SECRETARIAT BY SOVIET DELEGATION AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHECKED WITH SPONSORS OF PAPER BEFORE BEING CIRCULATED.) COMMENT: A COMPARISON OF THE TWO VERSIONS DID NOT REVEAL ANY CHANGES INVOLVING SUBSTANCE. THE FIRST TRANSLATION WAS OBVIOUSLY DONE BY A NATIVE SERBO-CROATIAN SPEAKER AND CONTAINED MANY PASSAGES OF INACCURATE RUSSIAN. THE NEW VERSION MERELY ELIMINATES GLARING MISTAKES AND MAKES THE RUSSIAN TRANSLATION MORE LITERAL. END COMMENT.

4. AFTER LONG BREAK, THE PLENARY RESUMED, ONLY TO IMMEDIATELY ADJOURN FOR THE DAY IN ORDER TO GIVE ALL DELEGATION A CHANCE TO STUDY THE NEW NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED PAPER, WHICH IS AN ATTEMPT TO FIND THE ULTIMATE COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO ALL PROBLEM AREAS. TEXT WAS PASSED OUT UNOFFICIALLY BY FINNISH DEL AFTER CLOSE OF MEETING. (TEXT AND ANALYSIS BEING SENT SEPTELS. SHERER

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